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Title: Need to frame uniform guidelines for Rural Medical Practitioners and Private Medical Practitioners in the country.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Thank you, Madam, for giving me this opportunity to bring up a very important topic. In the absence of qualified medical doctors, Rural Medical Practitioners and Private Medical Practitioners are the very first personnel whom the people in the villages approach when they have any health problem. They play a very important role in the health sector, particularly in rural areas. Andhra Pradesh itself has more than 50,000 RMPs who are doing this yeoman's service in rural areas. There are many villages in India which do not have any PHC, CHC nearby and for them the RMP plays a very important role.

At present, RMPs are not certified or recognized, as a result of which, they have to face a lot of problems from the Indian Medical Council and the Indian Medical Association. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, in 2008, decided to recognize the services of RMPs and PMPs. But, after that, nothing seems to have happened. Now, the present Government, under the leadership of Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu Garu, has constituted a nine-Member Committee to frame guidelines for training of RMPs, PMPs and paramedical personnel.

So, I suggest for consideration of the Ministry of Health to have uniform policy and guidelines for RMP and PMP doctors instead of every State having its own guidelines on RMPs and PMPs. This will help improve the doctor-patient ratio in the country which at present is one of the lowest in the world. Thank you, Madam.

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